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## 183 die in Polish jet crash

**WARSAW (AP).** — A Polish jetliner bound for New York caught fire and crashed yesterday outside Warsaw as it attempted to make an emergency landing, killing all 183 people aboard, officials said.

The Lot Polish Airlines jet went down in a clear and sunny day in wooded area about five kilometres southeast of Warsaw's Otocin International Airport.

Officials said 172 passengers and 11 crew members aboard the charter flight were all killed.

The nationalities of the passengers were not immediately released by airline officials, but charter flights between Poland and the U.S. normally are filled with Poles and Polish-Americans.

It was the worst commercial air accident in Poland since World War II.

The probable cause of the crash was the failure of two of the jet's four engines, State Radio reported.

"I saw the plane diving, nose down," one witness said. "There was an explosion that shattered the glass in our house. Bodies were lying all around. There is nothing, just bodies."

Residents nearby converged on the crash site to offer assistance. Many began digging ditches to prevent the fire from spreading outside the forest.

## Eire takes Eurovision

Johnny Logan, singing "Hold Me Now," won Ireland first place in the Eurovision song contest in Brussels last night. Runners up were West Germany.

Israel's entry, "Shir Habatlanim" was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the audience in Belgium, but the song finished half way up the points table, despite Holland's announcement of its award of three points in fluent Hebrew.

## First monarch visits Israel

**Post Diplomatic Correspondent**  
The Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Jean, tomorrow begins a 5-day state visit here, the first official visit by a reigning monarch in Israel's history. Officials in Jerusalem ascribe "political" and "symbolic" significance to the visit because of the traditionally strong ties between the two countries and because of Luxembourg's membership in Nato and the EC.

During his stay, the grand duke will meet with President Herzog, Prime Minister Shamir, Foreign Minister Peres and former Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Sharansky.

## 15 killed on roads

Fifteen persons were killed, and 76 seriously injured in 60 road accidents last week. Eight of the fatalities occurred in a single accident in Khan Yunis.

Among the dead were four pedestrians, two of them children. Of the 76 injured, 43 were pedestrians, about half of them children.

## Two Soviet rabbis ordained in Hungary

**BUDAPEST (Reuters).** — Two Soviet rabbis have been ordained at a ceremony in East Europe's only rabbinical college.

More than 300 people in the tiny synagogue of the Budapest seminary watched Isaac Fuchs and Yuri Kashinievich being ordained after seven years' study.

The head of the college, Josef Schweitzer stressed at the ceremony the importance of Soviet-Hungarian friendship. He told the new rabbis and two Hungarian rabbis, also being ordained, that the Holocaust had not destroyed the Jewish people and Judaism was alive in Hungary.

Fuchs will be going to Kiev where he said he would be the only rabbi for the 220,000 strong Jewish community. Kashinievich will serve in Moscow.

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## Apology

A technical breakdown in our press caused a serious delay in the despatch of The Jerusalem Post from Jerusalem last Friday. To those of our readers who were unable to obtain their weekend paper, we offer our sincere apologies.

Circulation Dept.



Photo dated 1943 shows 23 orphans, most of them Jews, in a happy moment in Izieu, France, before their deportation to Auschwitz on orders of Klaus Barbie. The Nazi trial for war crimes starts in Lyon tomorrow. (AFP)

## Terror band intercepted

## IAF hits PLO's bases near Sidon

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, and DAVID BUDGE

**TEL AVIV.** — Israel Air Force jets on Friday blasted several Palestinian command posts and training bases south of Sidon, reportedly scoring accurate hits.

Lebanon lodged a vigorous protest against the action at the UN saying 15 people had been killed, and 30 wounded, all civilians.

The official army announcement did not specify which targets had been hit or to which organizations they belonged, saying only that the sites had been springboards for attacks against Israel.

It was the third air strike near Sidon in a week and the 15th on targets inside Lebanon this year.

The attack was launched some 18 hours after an IDF force in southern Lebanon killed two gunmen and captured three who had intended to attack Jewish settlements in northern Galilee.

Their plan had been to kill civilians and take hostages to bargain for the release of security prisoners held in jails in Israel, according to defence sources.

The terrorists, believed to have been members of Fatah from Sidon, were spotted as they were trying to make their way through the security zone, about 7 km. north of the Israeli border.

IDF troops, from the Golan brigade, sealed off the area and slowly closed in from all sides in some cases following the tracks left by the terrorists in a heavy crossfire.

There were no casualties or injuries among the IDF troops involved in the shootout.

The terrorists were within two hours walking distance of the border

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## Gary Hart quits race

**DENVER.** — Gary Hart said Friday he is withdrawing from the Democratic presidential nomination race, following press reports that he had spent the night with a Florida actress.

Hart, who finished second to Walter Mondale in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination four years ago and had pursued the prize ever since, scrapped his 1988 campaign just 25 days after it officially began.

The end came in a crowded hotel ballroom in downtown Denver with faded carpet and water-stained ceiling tiles instead of the stark open-air beauty of the Rocky Mountain foothills where Hart officially launched his bid late last month.

Hart's withdrawal from the race, followed by just five days a report by the *Miami Herald* newspaper that he spent much of last weekend with 29-year-old Donna Rice in Washington. Hart's wife Lee was at the family home near Denver at the time.

Hart subsequently confirmed that

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## Secord's testimony reveals more Israeli arms sales to Iran

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

**WASHINGTON.** — Retired U.S. Air Force Major-General Richard Secord has charged that Israel provided Iran with "very large-scale" quantities of weapons, in addition to those limited shipments authorized by the Reagan administration in the summer and fall of 1985.

Secord, who played an important role in the Iran-Contra affair, said that Israel had even sold U.S.-made fighter aircraft spare parts to Iran in violation of U.S. law, resulting in several official American protests to Israel.

During his fourth and final day of grueling testimony before the joint House-Senate select committee on the Iran-Contra affair, Secord said that Israel's support for Iran stemmed from the fact that Israeli leaders viewed Iraq as "a mortal enemy." Iraq's military strength, he said, remains "a great concern to Israel's



Secord at conclusion of his testimony yesterday (AFP)

military planners."

He thus insisted that U.S. and Israeli interests in the region do not necessarily coincide on this matter. Secord referred to repeated U.S. statements professing American "neutrality" in the Iran-Iraq war. But he acknowledged that senior

Reagan administration officials were still very much influenced by Israel in their decision to authorize arms shipments to Iran.

Secord said that President Ronald Reagan was also very much motivated by his "tremendous concern" over the fate of the American hostages in Lebanon.

These were the two major reasons why Reagan authorized the January 17, 1986 intelligence "finding" allowing the U.S. initiative towards Iran to continue, despite the strong opposition of several top U.S. officials and the earlier disappointments and failures, Secord said.

He noted that Amiram Nir, the counter-terrorism adviser to then prime minister Shimon Peres, was named the chief Israeli liaison to the National Security Council on the Iran initiative earlier that January in order to try to persuade the U.S. to continue the operation.

"Israel was able to influence the

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## Hungary gov't daily challenges Soviets on Wallenberg case

**BUDAPEST (AP).** — The government newspaper, *Magyar Hirlap*, yesterday gave Hungary's first detailed account of the disappearance of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg in 1945. It said he had been unjustly jailed by the Soviets and had died in a Moscow prison cell in 1947.

The newspaper blamed Lt. Gen. Viktor S. Abakumov, head of the Soviet military's secret police agency Smersh from 1942 to March 1946, for jailing Wallenberg.

Citing a Soviet memorandum to Sweden in 1957, the newspaper also criticized unidentified leaders of Kremlin security services for misleading Soviet diplomats about the case for years afterwards.

The newspaper praised Wallenberg for saving thousands of Hungarian Jews in 1944-1945 by issuing them Swedish passports to protect them from deportation, and said the time had come to set the record straight about what it called his certain death.

"Wallenberg is an important symbol of human greatness, of a knight



Raoul Wallenberg

who rides in to tilt against the black horde of destruction, who symbolizes the superiority of honesty over doctrine," it said.

Budapest authorities recently put up a statue of the Swedish diplomat and will formally dedicate it in mid-May.

Quoting Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as saying that "in history and literature, there must be no 'forgotten names' and 'blank spots,'" *Magyar Hirlap* noted that it had been dangerous to talk about "delicate subjects" such as Wallen-

berg in the past.

The Swede was taken prisoner by Soviet troops in Budapest early in 1945.

In 1957, the Kremlin said Wallenberg had died in Moscow's Lyubyanka prison 10 years earlier, but Wallenberg's family and others in the West have disputed the account, citing several claims by former Soviet prisoners that they had seen Wallenberg much later.

"Silence was observed for decades here," *Magyar Hirlap* said. "As usual, when there is an information blackout, the gap was filled in elsewhere."

It said official reaction to Western claims about Wallenberg had been that "these are all CIA fabrications." Now, it added, "we seek the truth and are willing to face unpleasant realizations."

The paper said it had no doubt Wallenberg, who was then 34, died in a Moscow prison cell in July 1947 of an apparent heart attack.

"Wallenberg was taken into custody (in Budapest)... by Soviet

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## Shamir attempts to counter Peres

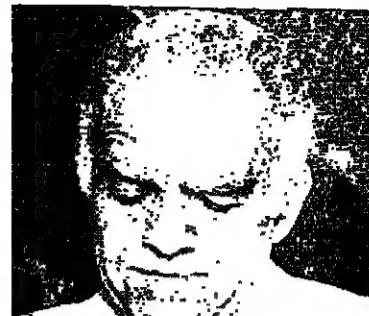
By BENNY MORRIS  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Shamir will counter Foreign Minister Peres's plan for an international conference with a "peace plan" of his own at tomorrow's inner cabinet meeting, Likud sources said yesterday.

Dismissing Labour denigrations, the sources said that the plan, which Shamir aides have been working on for the past few weeks, is based on the principles of the Camp David agreements: direct, bilateral Israeli-Arab talks; renewed autonomy talks; and non-participation of the PLO and the great powers. It "will contain some interesting new elements, promising a possible breakthrough," they said. But the Likud sources agreed, there will be "no ideological shift" in the Likud's position.

Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, was due to leave last night for Washington to brief the American leaders on the elements of the Shamir "peace plan," according to a report on Israel Television.

Peres is to submit to the inner cabinet the original Israeli-Jordanian-American agreement, hammered out by U.S. special ambassador Wat Cluvenius. He will also submit a number of position papers and "letters" (from Jordan to the U.S., from Israel to the U.S. and from the U.S. to Israel), clarifying the terms of reference of the prospective international conference for Middle East peace. On the basis of this material, Peres will ask the ministers to give him a mandate to continue exploring ways and modalities of convening the international conference.



(Ya'acov Sa'ar)

According to sources close to

## U.S. tries to keep out of Israeli politics p.2

Peres, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has suggested that ways be sought to ensure that the conference plenum does not remain idle. One idea is that while the bilateral committees discuss the major questions, the plenum consider solutions for the region's refugee and economic problems.

Belgian Foreign Minister Leo

Tindemans, currently president of the EEC, arrived here yesterday from Jordan to discuss the international conference idea with Israel's leaders. He was due to meet Peres last night and Shamir today.

Foreign Ministry political director-general Yossi Beilin believes that the Likud ministers are likely to try to defer a decision on the conference for as long as possible in the hope that "something will turn up." Hussein or the Palestinians will get "cold feet," and the negotiation will fall through.

Knowledgeable observers suggest that a great deal of diplomatic attention will now be focussed on UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar who, according to the terms of reference, will be the man to invite the five permanent UN Security Council members to preside over the conference. Likud and Labour, the great powers, and the Arab states have already been sounding out or briefing the secretary-general on their views on PLO participation in the conference. Perez de Cuellar is scheduled to report to the Security Council on May 15 on the state of negotiations for convening of the conference.

Beilin on Friday told *The Jerusalem Post* that it would be "unwise" and "a mistake" if Perez de Cuellar chose to invite the PLO.

According to a recent analysis by an international law expert, Beilin said, the secretary-general "is not obliged to invite the PLO, despite the various UN resolutions (which

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## Kalkilya violence escalates

By JOEL GREENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The spate of petrol bomb attacks in the Kalkilya area continued over the weekend, as settlers stepped up vigilante activity in Nablus and Hebron.

A petrol bomb was thrown Friday afternoon at an IDF truck on the Jaljulya-Kalkilya road, but exploded without causing harm or damage. A second bomb was thrown near Azzoun village at 12:30 a.m. yesterday at a car driven by a settler from Ma'aleh Shomron, but also caused no harm or damage. The curfew on Kalkilya, imposed after an attack Thursday, was extended until this morning.

Members of settlements between Kalkilya and Nablus demonstrated Friday outside the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv to demand better security. The protesters included residents of Ma'aleh Shomron, Givat Shomron, Karnei Shomron and Kedumim. The mayors of Kfar Sava, and the settlements of Azriel and Alfei Menashe met yesterday to discuss security in the area.

In Nablus yesterday morning, six armed settlers blocked the main road, Faisal Street, and began dancing and singing. IDF spokesman said. After the settlers refused Border Police requests to disperse, the area was declared a closed military zone and they were forcibly expelled by the IDF.

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MADRID	10	12	16	Clear
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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	54	10-20	18
Golan	43	11-21	19
Nahariya	—	—	—
Safed	—	—	17
Haifa Port	84	17-21	20
Tiberias	41	16-20	24
Nazareth	—	12-20	18
Afula	49	13-23	22
Shomron	53	12-20	18
Tel Aviv	65	15-21	20
B-G Airport	52	15-21	21
Jericho	40	17-29	27
Gaza	64	17-20	20
Beersheba	51	15-22	21
Eilat	30	19-29	28

### ARRIVALS

Lenore Feldman, President, Barbara A. Mandel, immediate past president, and Dottie Perlov, Executive Director of the National Council of Jewish Women, U.S., for a Board Meeting of the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University School of Education.

## Balas out on bail after year in prison

Financier David Balas, on trial for allegedly defrauding the United Kibbutz Movement of \$29 million, was ordered released on Friday by the Supreme Court following almost a year of detention.

Justice Eliezer Goldberg made Balas's release conditional on his posting a NIS 1 million personal bond and a third-party bond for the same amount. He also required Balas to deposit his passport and ordered him to remain at home except for court appearances.

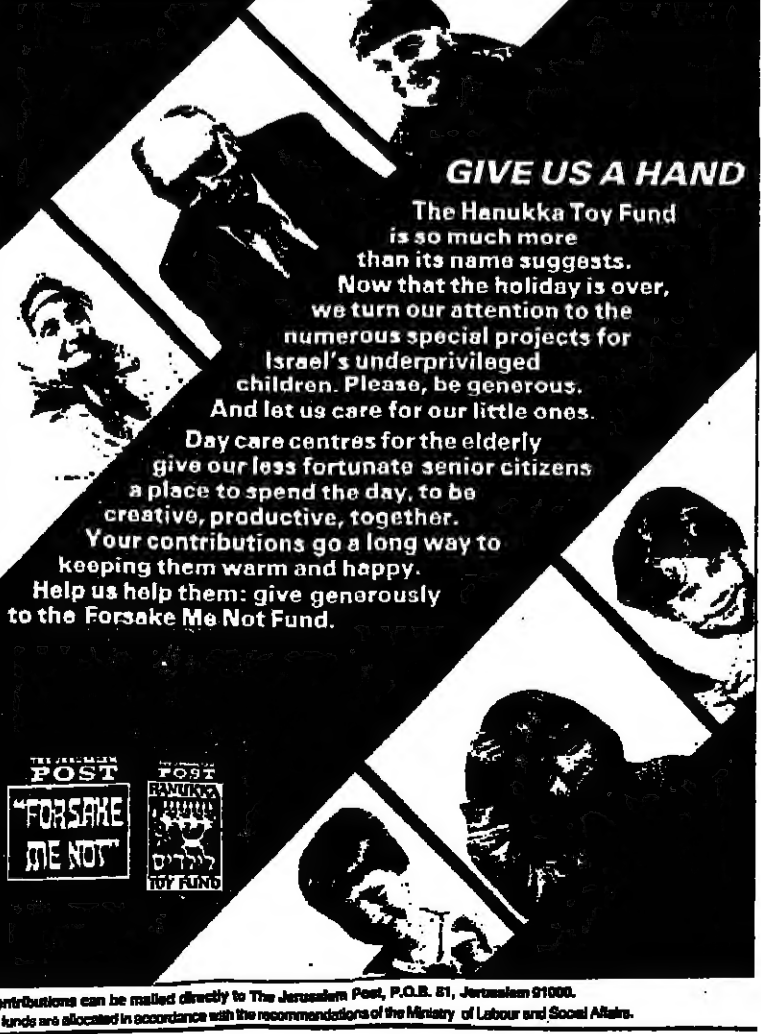
Balas, who has been held since May 12 last year, filed two earlier appeals to the Supreme Court against his continued detention.

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posit PLO participation). He does not have to act in accordance with all UN resolutions," said Beilin.

Beilin added that in December 1977, in advance of the Mena House conference with Egypt, the Israel government, under then prime minister Menachem Begin, decided explicitly that Israel would participate in a conference "to which the PLO was also invited, but would stay away from a conference attended by the PLO." A PLO flag flew over Mena House during the Israeli-Egyptian talks, Beilin added, though the PLO stayed away.

Beilin said that he believed that the PLO would stay away from the international conference "even if it is invited." Beilin appeared to be referring to the conditions which the secretary-general will attach to PLO attendance — acceptance of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and renunciation of terror-



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## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Shultz believes it may not be the time for Peres to break up gov't

# U.S. keeping out of Israel politics

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration, while inclined towards the position of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on an international peace conference, is still trying to avoid being drawn into domestic Israeli politics.

Secretary of State George Shultz and other top U.S. officials are even concerned that Peres may be overplaying his hand if he pushes to break up the national unity government now over this issue.

The *New York Times* yesterday quoted U.S. officials as expressing doubt about Peres's political skill and questioning his sense of timing, worrying that by creating a government crisis, he may permit the Likud to oppose the peace process under the legitimate guise of opposing the

Labour Party.

Still, authoritative U.S. sources yesterday confirmed that Peres and Jordan's King Hussein were close to agreement on the procedure for an international meeting. But the Americans were less optimistic about the peace process than Peres appeared to be in an interview published Friday in the *Times*.

"I think it is an opportunity that we have not had since the creation of the State of Israel," Peres said.

He said Jordan supported the U.S. and Israeli view that an opening plenary session of the international conference should quickly lead to direct, bilateral negotiations and that any agreements achieved could not be vetoed by the full conference.

Peres named three West Bank Palestinians as candidates to serve in

a Jordanian delegation — Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij; Hikmat al-Masri of Nablus; and Rashad a-Shawa of Gaza. "These are the kinds of people we are looking for," Peres said. "They represent their people, but they want to negotiate, not just to terrorize."

At the State Department on Friday, spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley read a carefully-worded statement designed to avoid the appearance that the U.S. was siding with either Peres or Prime Minister Shamir.

"We are convinced that peace can only be achieved through bilateral, direct negotiations," she said. "As we have said on several occasions, we are exploring with the parties in the region whether an international conference might contribute to that end. We are consulting continuously

and closely with both Prime Minister Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres on a wide range of regional issues, including the peace process."

In response to questions, she said the U.S. would "welcome" a Syrian decision to "engage constructively in the peace process."

Meanwhile, Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman has dismissed as "ridiculous" and "a hoax" press reports that Israeli and Jordanian officials had already worked out a draft peace agreement involving the future of the West Bank, including Jerusalem.

Weizman, while on a visit here, called the reports that the Foreign Ministry Director-General Avraham "Abrasha" Tamir, had reached such an agreement in secret talks with the Jordanians a "canard."

## Security prisoner found badly beaten

**By BRADLEY BURSTON**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A security prisoner suspected by cell-mates of having cooperated with prison authorities here was found brutally beaten in a cell-block bathroom early Friday, barely a week after another security prisoner was discovered bled to death, prison officials said.

Eighteen-year-old Ziad Musa Azlan of the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza is serving a three-year sentence for incitement and membership in a hostile organization.

A guard who had noticed Azlan's absence from a routine roll-call on Friday found him lying on the floor of a bathroom near his cell. He was rushed to Soroka Hospital and hospital-

ized with multiple fractures. His condition is listed as serious.

A week before the attack on Azlan, security prisoner Fawzi Bassam, 19, of Khan Yunis, was found beaten to death in his bed in the detention facility next to the central prison here. Bassam shared a cell with other security prisoners, one of whom, 18-year-old Fouad Abu Rosh of Rafiah, has been arrested in connection with the murder.

Although Abu Rosh has told investigators that he struck Bassam in self-defence after Bassam tried to sexually assault him, police sources said on Friday that the weapon, a leg unbolted from a bed frame, indicated that the killing had been premeditated.

## 'Golda' shoes may be on their last legs

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The solid high shoes issued to women soldiers — and favoured by Golda Meir — may soon be extinct. The IDF has just cancelled an order for thousands of pairs of the shoes and is planning to give recruits NIS 50 to buy their own footwear.

The new regulations will stipulate the type of shoes women soldiers may wear, ruling out high-heels for example. But the change still needs to be approved by Chief of the General Staff Rav Aluf Dan Shomron.

A military source said the change follows a study which showed that women soldiers disliked the heavy-looking shoes, and that over 90 per cent of the shoes were hardly used. "It's like the ties which were once issued to male recruits," a senior officer said.

The change is also expected to be economical, eliminating the need to stockpile a large number of shoes.

Brill, the manufacture of the shoes, has unsuccessfully tried to press the army to renew its orders, warning that it would have to fire workers if production stopped.

## Military mum on reports of pilot quitting for religion

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Authoritative military sources have declined to comment on reports that yet another air force pilot — the 13th — has become ultra-Orthodox and is to quit the IDF.

The reports said that the pilot, a sergeant-major who had commanded a Skyhawk squadron, would be discharged in July.

According to the reports, the pilot is to be discharged in July. So far 12 pilots are said to have become ultra-Orthodox and to have quit combat flying or left the army.

The defence establishment has tried to stem this trend and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has banned contacts between the army and the Or Sameah yeshiva in Jerusalem.

The ban is still in force and according to the yeshiva's Rabbi Mordechai Arnon, his organization has not been active in the army for some time.

Military sources have meanwhile denied that heads of yeshivot have permanent permits to enter army bases.

## Dollar leases revert to representative rate

**Post Economic Report**

The two-and-a-half-year-old special exchange rate for flat leases signed between November 1984 and July 1985 was ended on Friday, by an order signed by Housing Minister David Levy and acting finance minister Gideon Patt.

Friday's order enables landlords, who until now have been required to set rents at the special rate if their leases were denominated in dollars, to charge their tenants the current representative rate. The legal rate for leases signed between November 1984 and July 1985 had been adjusted periodically, and was most recently fixed at NIS 1.23 to the dollar.

With the current representative exchange rate at about NIS 1.59 to the dollar, tenants who signed leases can anticipate a 30 per cent rise in rent.

Contracts signed after July 1985, are not affected by Friday's order.

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fence, between kibbutz Hanita and Rosh Hanikra. They had been equipped with Law rocket launchers, RPGs, 25 Russian-made hand grenades, rifles and wire cutters. They also had food, water and first-aid supplies.

The abortive raid, following recent Katyusha rocket attacks on northern Galilee and last month's infiltration attempt near Kibbutz Manara (in which three terrorists and two IDF soldiers were killed), marks an upsurge of activity by the PLO.

Residents of the south are reported to be increasingly concerned about the possibility of a large-scale Israeli operation aimed at clearing out the terrorists from the region.

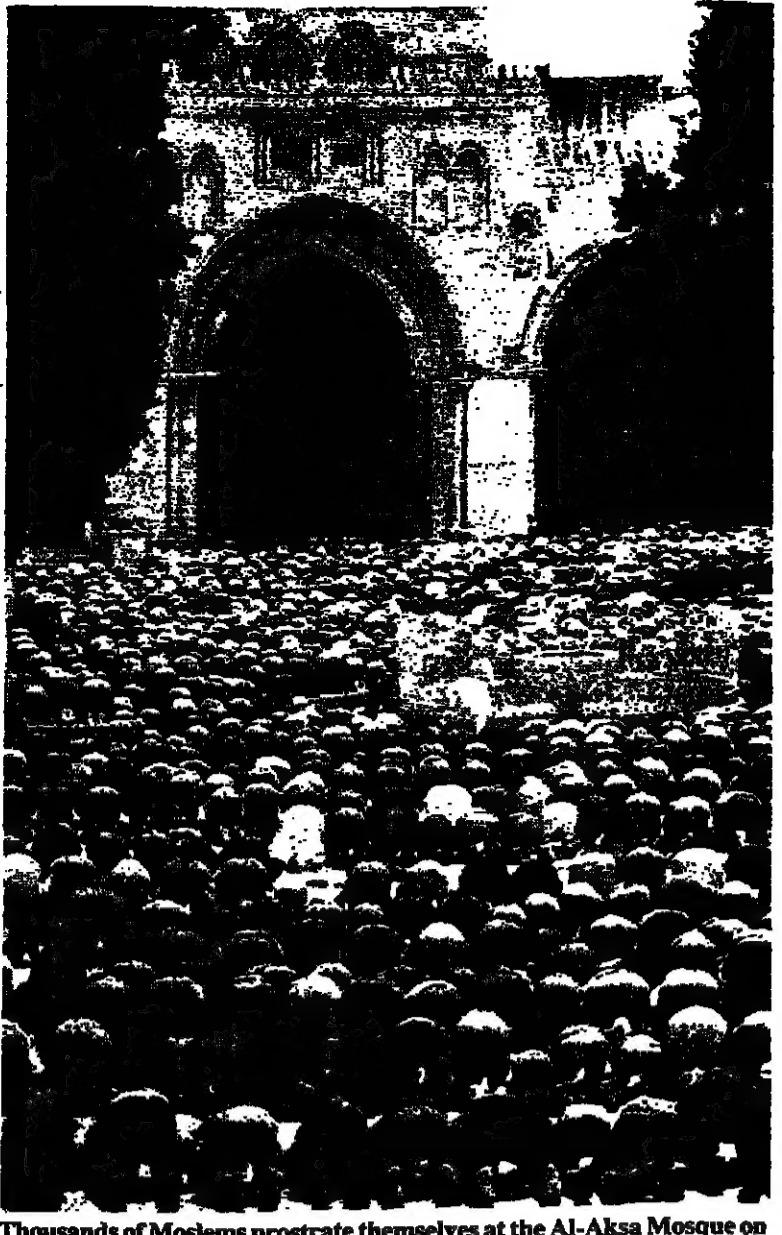
Witnesses to the IAF air strike said six warplanes, covered by six other jets flying at high altitude, also destroyed six houses used by Palestinians in hills around Ein-Hilweh and the smaller Miyeh Miyeh camp. Black smoke billowed over the targets.

Palestinian sources said the bases belonged to the Fatah, but no Fatah people had been injured in the attack.

Lebanese police and hospital sources said at least 12 people, including two children, had been killed and 60 wounded when missiles had slammed into a cluster of concrete houses inside the Ein Hilweh camp southeast of Sidon.

Palestinians said 10 women and children had been killed. They said many of the casualties had been inflicted by a single Israeli missile which hit the entrance to a bomb shelter.

Witnesses said rescuers had searched frantically for victims, clawing with bare hands at the rubble of a dozen houses levelled in the raid. A further 25 houses were damaged.



Thousands of Moslems prostrate themselves at the Al-Aksa Mosque on Friday during Ramadan prayers. (Richard Nowitz/Media)

## Bir Zeit student head stops deportation fight

**By JOEL GREENBERG**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The head of the Bir Zeit University student council has withdrawn his appeal against an expulsion order and could be deported this week, his lawyer said yesterday.

Marwan Barghouti notified his attorney last Thursday that he wished to withdraw his application to a military appeals board and would not exercise his right to petition the High Court of Justice against the expulsion. Barghouti was ordered deported last month.

Barghouti said he had lost faith in the Israeli legal system, because it was "not independent" of the Security Services, who have submitted secret evidence against him. He said his deportation was a political move unconnected to security.

Military sources have accused Barghouti of being a leading Fatah activist at Bir Zeit and organizing nationalist demonstrations and disturbances at the campus.

A Jerusalem District Court judge on Friday reduced from six to three months the administrative detention term of Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein. Hussein, who heads the Arab Studies Society in East Jerusalem, was jailed in April without trial on suspicion of being a leading Fatah activist.

Judge Yehuda Weiss, who was shown secret evidence against Hussein, said he would shorten the detention to three months.

## State insists on secrecy for files in Nafsu case

The State Attorney's Office told the High Court on Friday that it opposed making public the judgement against Izat Nafsu, the Circassian officer sentenced in 1981 to 18 years in prison for spying.

The office told the court that it also opposed publication of any other information from Nafsu's file. Nafsu petitioned the court against the secrecy order relating to his file, arguing that it was the order that should be lifted to prevent "tendentious publications" against him.

The state attorney's office asked the court to dismiss Nafsu's petition, contending that revealing the contents of his file would harm state security.

The office also asked the court to hold its hearing on the petition — scheduled for today — in camera and to ban publication of any details about the hearing. (Itim)

## Yitzhak Harpaz dead at 63

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Professor Yitzhak (Isaac) Harpaz, professor of agricultural entomology at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot, died on Friday at the age of 63.

Harpaz received his doctorate at the Hebrew University in 1953 and 13 years later became a full professor and the head of the entomology department. He was dean of the Faculty of Agriculture from 1974 to 1977.

The author of numerous scientific articles and two books, he was adviser to developing countries and to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

He is survived by a wife and son.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of

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Savoyon

Beloved wife, mother and grandmother

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, March 10, 1987, at 4 p.m., at the Savoyon cemetery.

The Bereaved Family

On Tuesday, May 12, 1987, we shall meet at the main gate of the Kfar Samir cemetery at 5.45 p.m. (and not as stated in Friday's paper) to unveil the tombstone of

**Adv. JACK LEVINSON** י"י

Following the memorial service, Minha and Mishna'ot, with the participation of the Chief Rabbi, Shear Yashuv Cohen, will be held at the Kehilat Ya'acov (B'nai B'rith) Synagogue, Horev St.

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# Blast at Soviets ends WJC meeting

By ILONA HENRY  
and Agencies

**BUDAPEST.**—The first World Jewish Congress (WJC) meeting held in a Communist state ended at the end of the week with a strong attack on the Soviet Union for its treatment of Jews.

A banquet speech by Morris Abram, the leader of organized American Jewry, clearly embarrassed delegates from both East and West after a two-day WJC executive meeting hailed as a key step forward for relations between Jews and East-bloc nations.

Hungarian Jewish leaders sat impassively or with their heads in their hands as Abram extolled Zionism, described Soviet Jewry as the "most miserable and dejected" and said only the existence of Israel had prevented three million Soviet Jews

disappearing "down the memory hole of history."

Austria, meanwhile, reverberated with reactions to President Waldheim's decision to initiate a criminal libel suit against WJC President Edgar Bronfman. At the WJC meeting Bronfman said he had "seen enough documents with Waldheim's initials or signature to know that he was part of the Nazi killing machine."

Former defence minister and faction leader of the Freedom Party Friedrich Frischenschlager, who achieved "fame" by shaking hands with war criminal Walter Reder upon the latter's return to Austria in 1983, said a libel trial would not only undermine the status of the presidential office, but would hurt the country.

Dr. Michael Graff, general secret-

ary of the People's Party, who supported Waldheim's election campaign, said: "Bronfman must now prove his slanderous remarks or face conviction by an Austrian court. Bronfman will get a fair trial in Austria, something Waldheim did not get in the U.S." (an allusion to Waldheim's inclusion on the U.S. Justice Department's watch-list).

In Vienna late Friday Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky announced on television that he would put off his official visit to the U.S. for two days to examine U.S. documents on Waldheim's past. Vranitzky's visit was initially scheduled for May 17.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General Mark Richard and the head of the U.S. office of Special Investigations Neal Sher would arrive on May 15 for meetings with Vranitzky.

U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese announced on April 27 that Waldheim had been placed on a "watch list" effectively barring him from entering the U.S.

Vranitzky added that he had convinced Waldheim that a suggested panel to investigate his past should not be Austrian-appointed "so as not to be suspected of partiality in any way."

Waldheim had initially suggested that such a panel should be appointed by the Austrian government.

Instead, Waldheim has asked the Austrian government to set up a commission of internationally renowned historians. In a letter to the government, Waldheim wrote: "The Americans and the Germans are biased, but I believe the British are very suitable."



Paratroopers board a Sikorsky helicopter at the end of a major exercise at the end of last week. The exercise drilled various forms of combat in conjunction with the armoured corps, the artillery, and the Air Force. (Nathal, Alpert, Bamahaneh)

## Living on borrowed time—at the age of 40

By JUDY SIEGEL

Ami Columbus, a Jerusalem accountant, is living on borrowed time. "I have a 20-year overdraft on life," says the oldest living Israeli victim of the deadly genetic disease cystic fibrosis.

But he is making the most of it. He divides his time between work, in his own company, and at home with his wife and seven-year-old son. He also works as a volunteer for the Israel Cystic Fibrosis Association. This group, founded by relatives of CF victims, is holding its first-ever fundraising campaign tomorrow.

The genetic disease—the most common hereditary illness in the Western world—affects one of every 1,600 people. There are hundreds of known cases in Israel; but an unknown number of young people have not been diagnosed and they are thus condemned to die prematurely for lack of treatment. There is no cure, but antibiotics, other drugs and physiotherapy, says Columbus, can prolong life and make it more livable.

Although Ami is the oldest Israeli—at 40—to live with CF, there are victims of the disease abroad who have reached the age of 60. Only a few decades ago, CF victims rarely survived past infancy.

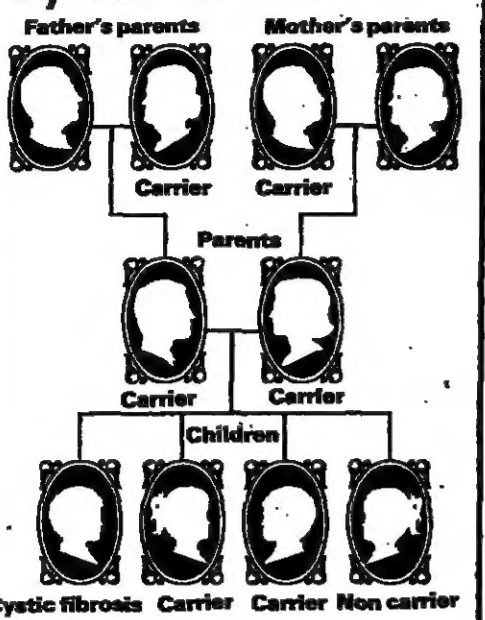
CF can cause death as a result of improper functioning of the mucous glands, the clogging of the breathing passages with mucus, and irregular functioning of the pancreas, liver and digestive tract.

The only way to get the disease is by inheriting a defective gene from both parents. A couple, both of whom carry the CF gene, have a 25 per cent chance in each pregnancy of having a baby with CF, and a 50 per cent chance of having a baby who

carries the disease. But carriers, i.e. those who inherit the gene from only one parent, do not suffer from any symptoms.

In Israel, there is one case of twins suffering

### The genetics of cystic fibrosis



from CF. The two boys are now two-and-a-half years old.

Until last year, doctors could not test a fetus in the womb for CF. But now, if one child in the family was born with the disease, a subsequent fetus can be tested in amniocentesis; it is also possible to test cells from the fetal sac a few weeks into the pregnancy.

A very promising development in recent months is the identification of chromosome number 7 as bearing the defective CF gene. The gene itself has not been located, but scientists believe this is not far off, thus opening the possibility that genetic engineering can be used to alter the defect.

But as yet, a blood test is insufficient to determine if a person is a carrier.

The CF Association here, this year for the first time permitted to solicit funds from the public, wants to increase public awareness of the disease so that every CF victim can be diagnosed and treated, at an early age.

A sweat test, which finds excessive salt, can determine if a baby has CF, but the Health Ministry has told the association that there is no budget for testing every newborn baby.

The association needs funds to help families pay for physiotherapy and equipment. It also subsidizes summer camps for dozens of youngsters. In recent weeks, it has paid for public service announcements about CF on Israel TV that cost \$3,000 per message to broadcast.

The CF Association (located at 5 Rehov Binayim, Tel Aviv, tel: (03) 218763 or 269620), hopes people will give generously tomorrow. High schools pupils and youth movement members will take part in a door-to-door appeal.

## The machine shop philosopher

Tel Aviv Tel Aviv  
Robert Rosenberg

Shmule has been working there for almost 30 years. He's not the owner and not even the manager, but he knows where every nut, screw and bolt is to be found in the grocery-like shop of parts, round the corner from the central bus station.

The shop is a maze of machine tools and spare parts, garage supplies ranging from pliers to a car-size drier for newly painted vehicles. It's probably possible to spend from breakfast to lunch buying the parts and from lunch to dinner putting together the engine for a car. A few blocks away, a chassis can be bought from a wreck.

Shmule loves his work. He likes chatting with the oldtimers from Romania and Bulgaria, the youngsters from Morocco and Bat Yam, the Arabs from the garages off Hamas-

ger, and the car freaks looking for the one screw that will make their 1962 Citroen hydraulic suspension system work. "He's not the kind of salesman who would ever respond to a customer's request with 'There's no such thing,' even as you extend a hand holding the broken parts of the piece of machinery you're looking for. He'll never tell you, 'That's not what you want.'"

He's slow but oddly graceful behind the battered wooden counter, calculating where to place the ladder so that in one climb he'll be able to pull open a drawer with screws, reach onto a higher shelf for a pair of

wire cutters, and stretch across the tall wall for butterfly nuts in a plastic bag.

When he spills a box of screws across the counter, he doesn't lift his piece; you can see the concentration camp number on his forearm. He counts out the screws in threes, not twos, his nicotine-stained fingers sweeping the pieces into a separate pile as quick as a three-card monte expert slapping cards around on the Dizengoff pavement.

To a stranger, the shop is a manic clutter of dark shadows made by floor-to-ceiling shelves, greasy spots on the floor where machine oil has

spilled, and claustrophobic methods for stacking cartons of parts and tools. Everything has its proper place, but a new salesman might spend weeks, if not months, learning what Shmule has in his head. Behind the counter, Shmule keeps a copy of *Al Hamishmar*, the Mapam daily.

He picks up his copy of the newspaper every morning on his way to work, and during the day he pores slowly and carefully over every story, every editorial and every piece. Every sports item and every agriculture feature. He'll read a story, and say it reminds him of another. This week he was reading a lot about diplomacy and peace-making.

There was a man, said Shmule, who lived by a river. He was a religious man, and had faith in the Lord. One year, when there were heavy rains, the authorities sent around officials in cars to warn river-

side residents about possible flooding. "That's okay, said the man," Shmule recited. "I have faith in the Lord."

Sure enough, the flooding began. The man had to move to the second floor of his house and the authorities sent around an official in a rowboat, who offered to take the man to safety. "It'll be okay, I have faith in the Lord," Shmule continued.

Within a day, the man was on the roof of his house, the floodwaters rising to the highest gable. A helicopter flew overhead and through a loudspeaker, an official offered to throw down a rope. "It'll be okay, I

have faith in the Lord," said the man.

Finally, of course, the river swept him away. Naturally, the man went to heaven, said Shmule. "And when he was brought before God, he was very humble. But he had something to say."

"I said, 'I have faith in the Lord,' and even though I was a simple man, I did not provide for my safety."

Shmule bared a grin of dark gaps and teeth made yellow by cigarettes. "Idiot," shouted the Lord. "I sent you a car, I sent you a boat, I sent you a helicopter!"

"And the lesson," said Shmule, "is to know that having faith means being able to see a little bit further than your beliefs."

## Man asks for second wife if he can't get a divorce

By BRADLEY BURSTON

**BEERSHEBA.**—A man has applied to the rabbinical court here to require his wife, on pain of imprisonment, to accept a divorce, or, alternatively, to allow him to take a second wife.

The case first came to light in March, when the court, siding with the wife, urged the husband to achieve a reconciliation in the 22-year-long marriage. The husband then disclosed that he had recently learned that he was a *cohen* (descended from the caste of priests), and, his attorney argued, as his wife had been a divorcee when they wed, the couple's marriage was contrary to Jewish law.

The man told the court that his mother had shown him her own divorce certificate, which listed his late father as a *cohen*. The court then obtained a copy of the divorce decree from the Haifa Rabbinical Court and, concurring with the husband's attorney, ordered the immediate dissolution of the marriage.

A date was set for the divorce ceremony, but the wife's attorney immediately appealed to the Rabbinical High Court in Jerusalem. The divorce ceremony has been delayed pending the appeal.

Earlier last week, the husband's attorney, Simona Haim, asked the rabbinical court here to either require her client's wife to accept the divorce, or to allow him to take a second wife. The court is expected to hear the case shortly, but is likely to defer judgment until after the higher court has ruled on the appeal.

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### WALLENBERG

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troops in an area that was the scene of war operations," it said. "There can be no doubt that Abakumov committed a criminal act by keeping Wallenberg in prison in the subsequent period."

The paper said it based its conclusions on the memorandum handed to the Swedish government in 1957 by then Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko.

Publishing the contents of the document for the first time in Hungary, it said the Soviets had started their inquiry after Stalin had been officially denounced in 1956. It said investigators had begun by asking secret police officials about Wallenberg's fate.

Nobody said anything, so the Soviets examined archives of "the guard services of certain prisons," *Magyar Hirlap* said.

This turned up an entry Co. A.L. Smoltsev, former head of the Lyubyanka prison health service, who wrote to Abakumov on July 17, 1947, that "the prisoner Valenber (sic) with whom you are quite familiar died in his cell quite suddenly, presumably of a heart attack." Smoltsev asked for permission to carry out a post-mortem, but Aba-

band's attorney, ordered the immediate dissolution of the marriage. A date was set for the divorce ceremony, but the wife's attorney immediately appealed to the Rabbinical High Court in Jerusalem. The divorce ceremony has been delayed pending the appeal.

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## Students standing firm behind their leaders

By RICK BLACK

**For The Jerusalem Post**  
"I don't think we're being too harsh," says Judy Ben-Ami, 27, an MBA student at Tel Aviv University. "It's time that government stopped denigrating the students and passing the buck."

"The only thing that will help is serious pressure against the government," says Na'ama Fleissar, 23, a law student at Tel Aviv.

Ben-Ami's and Fleissar's views are representative of the students who were interviewed this past week at Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities about the government's proposal to increase tuition fees in light of financial problems at universities and colleges around the country.

After three consecutive days of strikes, led by these two major universities—the pressure is mounting on government officials to make a decision.

The students unanimously supported the strike and said it was the only effective way to pressure the government into making a decision on next year's planned fee increase.

To make matters worse, neither the government nor the universities can agree on a figure: the universities say tuition fees must exceed \$2,300 if the institutions are to avoid bankruptcy; Education Minister Yitzhak Navon has proposed fees of \$1,100; while the Finance Ministry sees \$1,600 as the appropriate sum. Students say they won't pay more than \$800.

"It's not reasonable, considering the current economic circumstances of this country, to demand Israeli students to pay \$2,000 a year for tuition," an MA student in political science said.

Asi Shavit, 26, (economics and business administration) said: "We earn typical Israeli salaries and have American-style fees."

Like many others, Fleissar says she would have to stop studying if the tuition fees are raised by even a few hundred dollars.

She works 20 hours a week and received one loan, but doubts whether she could secure another.

Opinion is split on whether or not the strike will continue.

"All seem to agree that the students will get hurt either way. If they don't strike, their fees will rock next year, and if they do, they will continue to suffer from missed classes, economic worries, and low morale."

"With all these strikes we don't have the desire to study," said Salem Maroun, 21, a second year Hebrew University student. "We haven't had many classes this semester."

Even if they were to extend the semester, it'd hurt us because most students work during the summer," he added.

While university and college classrooms were empty for much of last week, the libraries and cafeterias were bustling.

Many students said they would seek additional hours at work and try to make up their studies independently.

## Strike still on

By LEA LEVAVI

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
**TEL AVIV.**—University students are to strike again today and demonstrate in front of the Prime Minister's Office during this morning's cabinet meeting.

Though the matter of next year's tuition fees is on the meeting's agenda, a final decision is not expected immediately.

David Berman, chairman of the National Union of Students, said that if the hoped-for decision was not forthcoming he and his colleagues would take further decisions this afternoon.

When Berman was asked whether the students would accept the Navon proposal of \$1,100 tuition fees, he said, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it." He did, however, stress that students would not agree to pay \$1,600 or even \$1,300—which is in effect what they are paying this year, though only \$700 of that is called "tuition," the rest going to the government as a "tax."

With other temporary taxes now cancelled in the general sector, students should not have to continue paying this tax next year under a different name, Berman said.

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Tel Aviv Museum  
Sunday, May 25, 1987, 8:30 p.m.  
Tickets at Israel Chamber Orchestra office, Asia House, 4 Weizmann St., Tel Aviv, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Tel. 210102, and at Tel Aviv Museum, Hadarim, Castel, Ramat Hasharon, Jerusalem, Binyanei Ha'oma, Sunday, May 31, 1987, 8:30 p.m.

In Jerusalem at the Jerusalem Theatre box office, agencies and Alliance Francaise, 8 Agon St. Kfar Saba, Hechal Hatarbut, Yad Labanim, Tuesday, May 26, 1987, 8 p.m. Hashofet, Thursday, May 28, 1987.

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SERIES E: Thursday, 14.5.87 (instead of 12.5.87)  
ZUBIN MEHTA conductor

URI PIANKA violin  
BRUCE WEINSTEIN oboe

MICHAEL HARAN cello  
ZEEV DORMAN bassoon

**PROGRAMME:** Weber: "Oberon" Overture  
Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante  
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 8**  
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
SERIES A: Thursday, 21.5.87  
JAMES LEVINE conductor

**PROGRAMME:** Mozart: Symphony No. 31  
Schoenberg: "Vierdritte Nacht"  
Dvorak: Symphony No. 8

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 9**  
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
SERIES G: Saturday, 23.5.87, 9:00 p.m.  
SERIES F: Sunday, 24.5.87 (instead of 14.5.87)  
SERIES H: Monday, 25.5.87  
JAMES LEVINE conductor

Programme as for Series A (concert No. 8)

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 9**  
TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
SERIES A: Wednesday, 27.5.87  
SERIES D: Friday, 29.5.87 at 2:00 p.m. (instead of 11.5.87)  
SERIES C: Saturday, 30.5.87, 9:00 p.m.  
DANIEL BARENBOIM conductor and pianist

Programme: Mozart: Piano concerto, K. 595  
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4

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Refunds will be mailed to you in return for the unused tickets.

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## First big drop in '87 for TA stocks

## Shares off 9.5% on week

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter

Share prices plunged Friday on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, closing out the worst week of trading since the start of the current bull market late last year. It was the fifth successive day of falls in the share market.

Overall, 290 issues fell in price, with only 32 rising and 74 unchanged. Among the declines, no less than 115 issues dropped by 5 per cent or more and an unusually high number, 22, were marked sellers only, as bids were not forthcoming to match the supply offered.

Turnovers, however, fell to NIS 18.5 million in the non-bank "free" market, with a further NIS 9.8m. changing hands in the "arrangement" share sector. Bonds were active with a turnover of NIS 16.7m., but prices stabilized after sharp falls earlier in the week.

Analysts were generally unperturbed by the market's rapid fall since the middle of last week. They view the decline as a healthy and necessary corrective move, after

prolonged rises from the beginning of the year, and especially in April. The General Share Index, excluding "arrangement" shares, has risen 70 per cent since the start of 1987.

Friday alone, the index dropped 4.27 per cent, capping a 9.5 per cent decline over the week, to stand at 151.44, compared with a base of 100 at the beginning of the year.

The hardest falls came in the investment company sector, which has led the market throughout its climb. This group's index tumbled 6 per cent Friday alone, and was hit for a loss of 11.9 per cent in a trading week of only three days, after the exchange was closed on Sunday and Monday for Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Other sectors that lost heavily were non-arrangement banks, down 11.47 per cent on the week, and industrials, off 9.73 per cent. The arrangement shares, comprising bank shares covered by the Treasury's commitment to redeem them at their October 6, 1983 dollar value, rose fractionally on the week. These

are, however, effectively dollar-linked government bonds, and not shares in the normal sense.

The factor that triggered the sell-off, in the opinion of most market participants, was the growing political tension over the prospect of an international peace conference, and the fear that this would bring the government down. A long election campaign is regarded as dangerous for the economy in that it could undermine stability.

But the political factor is seen primarily as an excuse for traders to cash in profits from the long run-up in prices. The main reason for the steady falls has been lack of buyers, rather than the size of sell orders.

For this reason, and given the favourable economic background of lower inflation and interest rates, most commentators believe that the market will stabilize this week, before resuming its rise. This is dependent, however, on the main mutual fund groups, which are still highly liquid, and which are seeking to reenter the market at lower prices.

## Quiet probe of Agency firms

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The fate of Israel Land Development and other enterprises fully or partially owned by the Jewish Agency is in the hands of an until now secret committee appointed about six months ago.

The Lankin committee, headed by Eliahu Lankin, former ambassador to South Africa, and appointed by the agency's Board of Governors, is to submit its recommendations by the end of the month. They, in turn, are scheduled to be discussed at the meeting of the Jewish Agency Assembly in June.

Since 1981, representatives of the diaspora communities on the Board of Governors, popularly known as the "fund-raisers", have been working for the sale of the agency's assets, mainly companies and investments. The value of these assets is difficult to determine, according to a Board of Governors committee report, but some of the figures indicate that it is much higher than the \$25 million - \$30m. estimate made by the agency treasurer in 1983.

Israel Land Development Co. (ILDC) is of interest, not because of the agency's 1 per cent stake in it but because the agency holds 50.5 per cent of the voting shares and because

of the company's subsidiary, Israel Resorts Hotels Ltd. (IRH). IRH owns the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya, Safad's Rimon Inn, and half of Tiberias' Galei Kinneret and Ganei Hamat. At the last meeting of the Board of Governors, some of the American representatives questioned what the Jewish Agency was doing in the hotel business.

The Jewish Agency owns half of Yachin Hakal, which operates some 75,000 dunams of citrus groves, and is a major industrial processor of fruit and vegetable preserves and juices. The vinegrowers association, Societe Cooperative Vinerome des Grandes-Caves, is 25 per cent owned by the agency. The agency owns 50 per cent or more of 18 other companies and less than 50 per cent of 11 other companies.

The Lankin committee is expected to recommend which assets the agency should sell and how it can better protect its interests in those assets that it retains.

In an interview last week, Shlomo Schwartzberg, who heads the agency's Companies Authority, replied to charges of mismanagement against the authority made by Howard Weisband, the agency's secretary-general, and published in *The Jerusalem Post* in March.

Schwartzberg recalled that Weisband, in an attempt to prove that the Board of Governors was being given inadequate information about the agency's companies, had cited the superficiality of one nine-page report. But that report, which devoted only nine lines to the ILDC, had not been designed for decision-making purposes but as a source of general information, said Schwartzberg.

Weisband had made no mention of a 40-page report containing a full page on the ILDC, that the authority had also issued.

Schwartzberg also noted that as a case of poor management, the money-losing Netivot plant of the Mabat furniture company had been sold. Companies Authority had been ordered to sell the plant which had come under fire by the fund-raisers or close it down. Closing it would have been much more expensive than to sell it as a going concern. By conducting protracted negotiations with the furniture maker Rim, the authority had saved the agency thousands of dollars.

Similarly, Schwartzberg asserted, Weisband's charge that the authority had been "half-hearted" in implementing the decision to divest itself of assets was unfounded and based on inadequate knowledge.

## EXECUTIVE CHANGES

## New chief at Eagle Military Gear



First International's Yehuda Levy

Eagle Military Gear Ltd. has appointed ALON SILBERSHAZT managing director of the company, which manufactures, imports and exports army uniforms. Silbershazt replaces RONI LERNER who will go on to be in charge of special projects for the Eagle Group.

Silbershazt joins his cousin AVRAHAM SILBERSHAZT, who is chairman of the board and principle shareholder.

The new managing director is married and a father of three, and holds a law degree from Hebrew University.

The personal assistant to United Mizrahi Bank's managing director has been appointed spokesman. YAHACOV ELIAV, a graduate of the Hebrew University law faculty and holder of a doctorate from New York University, was appointed spokesman after working in the bank's foreign currency division for almost 10 years.

Daisy Systems Corp., a California firm with a big Herzliya-based subsidiary, has a new president. NORMAN E. FRIEDMAN, previously chairman of the board and president of Cordura Corp. since its founding in 1965, will also serve as managing director at Daisy.

Friedman holds a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles. The former president will remain on the board of directors.

Daisy also announced the addition of two new directors, EDMUND M. KAUFMAN and RICHARD D. DE-LAYNER, bringing the total to seven. Kaufman is a graduate of Col-

umbia University Law School and is a member of the Largli & Manella management consulting firm. He has been a lawyer since 1959 and served as manager of Wickes Inc.

DeLayner is the president of the Orion Group Ltd., a consulting firm for marketing and planning. Before Orion he was deputy secretary of defense for the American Defense Department.

YEHUDA LEVI has been named manager of the planning division of First International Bank and promoted to deputy managing director.

Levi, 34, is a graduate of the Technion in industrial operations and management and holds a M.A. in business management from Baruch College in New York.

For the past five years Levi has specialized in commercial banking and capital markets in the U.S. Hashmira Security Co.'s general manager, KADISH SHER-MISTER has been chosen chairman of the organizing committee of the World Convention of Private Investigators, scheduled to take place in Jerusalem next September.

## SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	MAY 8, 1987
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.5645
GERMANY	MARK	0.8908
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.6847
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2684
JAPAN	YEN	1.1587
HOLLAND	FLORIN	0.7900
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1.0842
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2644
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2381
DENMARK	KRONE	0.2388
FINLAND	MARK	0.3656
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.1860
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.1301
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7886
INDONESIA	RUPIAH	0.4284
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	1.2658
ITALY	LIRA	1.2326
JORDAN	DINAR	4.6801
EGYPT	POUND	0.8002

## Oil reaches 17-month high

NEW YORK (Reuters). - U.S. spot crude oil prices hit a 17-month high of \$19.26 a barrel on Friday, and oil industry leaders and analysts say they could be at \$20 by the end of the year.

"I'd think \$20 is very likely by the end of the year," said Daniel McKinley of Smith Barney Harris Upham and Co.

The U.S. benchmark crude oil West Texas intermediate, which recently broke \$19 resistance on the New York Mercantile Exchange's energy futures complex, now faces a new resistance level of \$19.50.

Senior oil company officials, normally more cautious in their public estimates, also said oil prices could be at \$20 by year end.

Spot oil markets have taken a cue from these positions with crude oil futures crossing the \$19 a barrel level last Tuesday after the American Petroleum Institute reported larger than expected drawdowns of U.S. heating oil and gasoline stocks.

Smith Barney's McKinley said, "Much of the shorter-term outlook for crude oil prices will depend on oil products stocks, and especially how high gasoline demand rises this summer."

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## MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/Ya'acov Lamdan

## Bleak assessment for Arab development

A recent report published in a prominent Arab magazine paints a bleak picture of the Arab world's future, pointing to technological backwardness, high and growing debts, excessive unemployment and an impending population explosion.

These problems, the magazine *Al-Mustakbal* reports, are not likely to resolve themselves in the near future, mainly because of lack of interest by the Arab governments in expanding high technology industry in their countries.

What the governments are still addicted to is their expensive and counterproductive habit of importing arms. Instead of attempting to tackle the growing debt they have acquired - optimistic estimates forecast the Arab world's debts will reach \$500 billion by 1992 - their governments are taking out more loans to cover arms acquisitions. Most of these countries rely on the loans to import a large portion of their food supply as well, and the report states that the deteriorating agriculture is most likely to continue its downward trend.

Today the Arab world is suffering from a population boom that increases the work-force by 3 per cent annually without a corresponding growth in new jobs, creating. This means that every year several million young Arabs enter their work years without any prospect of employment. Even the solution found by some Arabs - to look for work in foreign countries - offers little long-term hope, since it is difficult to emigrate from most of these countries. In any case, sending workers abroad usually does not help economic growth, it only keeps the unemployment rate from getting out of hand.

The population problem is likely to cause major social problems which will eventually lead to political instability. Often, in this situation,

Arab governments have found war as a temporary answer to redirect the mass anger that prevails. And this will once again cause these countries to search for the best in conventional weapons without the economic base to afford such an endeavour.

The report indicates that even if some countries make an attempt to revive their dying agricultural sectors, they will run into serious water shortages. Chances for desalinization in the region are slim, because of the great expense.

Beyond the preoccupation of the Arab world's governments with buying arms, the most serious obstacle to development is still illiteracy. In Egypt, the illiteracy rate is 60 per cent. It is even higher in Sudan and Yemen, and no less than 40 per cent in the rest of the Arab countries. Until this problem is addressed, the chances for significant technological advancement are virtually nil.

The only bright spot in the report may actually be a curse. Oil, which has fuelled the development to those lucky countries that have significant reserves can continue to rely on a steady stream of new finds that promise to keep the Arab exporting countries in the centre of the world economy. But dependence on oil in the long run comes at the expense of real industrial development and usually contributes to the decline of domestic agriculture. The Persian Gulf states that have built huge industrial infrastructures have been unable to produce the human and institutional resources needed to operate an advanced economy without the support of petroleum income.

The *Al-Mustakbal* report assembled from five years of research by Arab academics, includes research and speculation about Israel as well - interestingly, the only country in the region with hope for a bright economic future, the report concludes.

## 'Catalonia can lead way in Israel-Spanish trade'

By KEN SCHACHTER  
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - Catalonia could serve as the leading edge for increasing Spain's trade with Israel, says Catalan President Jordi Pujol.

Although the levels of Israeli-Spanish trade roughly doubled last year, with Israel exporting goods worth \$35 million while Spain exported \$10m, those figures amount to only a minuscule portion of Spain's overall trade.

Spanish exports to Israel total only 0.36 per cent of the goods it sends abroad, while its imports from Israel account for only 0.11 per cent of the total.

Speaking at a press conference last Friday, Pujol announced that an agreement had been signed with the Ministry of Agriculture to buy Israeli expertise and that Catalonia was interested in importing Israeli chemicals, medical instruments, electronic equipment and computer software.

He also noted the importance of tourism to both Israel and Catalonia, which is visited by 14 million tourists yearly. Tourism generates 15 per cent of Catalonia's gross national product.

Pujol and his minister of commerce and tourism, Joaquim Molins, are on the verge of implementing what they hope will be a quantum leap forward for the region based on the International Olympic Committee's decision to stage the 1992 summer games in Barcelona, the region's chief city.

Molins said the city's economic growth has tended to be gradual over the past century except for two landmark years - 1888 and 1927 - when the city was the site of World Fairs. Based on that knowledge Barcelona waged an exhaustive campaign to win the Olympic bid.

Molins said officials are betting that the games will improve the city's hotel infrastructure by enticing multinational chains to build there.

Along with the multinational hoteliers, Madrid will be pouring money into Catalonia to aid in preparation for the games. The lack of attention from Madrid has been a point of friction with the Catalan government. Molins pointed out that the region has 16 per cent of Spain's population, accounts for 22 per cent of the national income, but receives only 9 per cent of the central government's budget expenditures.

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- ACROSS**
- Support Hal's inebriation by violent reaction (8)
  - Maybe a wee nip to nip in the bud (6)
  - Posted off with the sentence wiped out (8)
  - In South Africa my navy finds Turkish port (6)
  - Foreigner satisfied his appetite to offend (8)
  - Traced in order to be put in the box (6)
  - Surrender achieved by assignment given to Polaris? (10)
  - He sets up organic manure incorporating one or more (10)
  - Just observe what fortune tellers do (4,2)

- DOWN**
- French desk for the office (6)
  - Do an offence, and the judge may do this to you (6)
  - The Mediterraneanans who shook Stalin (6)
  - The printed score for a bedtime lullaby? (5,5)

- Friday's Solutions**
- 6 Squeeze what should be squeezed before applying to the fevered brow (8)  
7 Twist what the lion tamer teases and flees (4,4)  
8 Whereon bills are posted for stashing away (6)  
13 Excessive claim made by centre party politician (10)  
15 The artful chiseller (8)  
16 Officially seizes one thousand quid (8)  
17 Single note not up to the quality of hi-fi stereo? (8)  
19 Maybe an air-raid shelter for an air-raid official (6)  
20 The pharaoh who got an ambassador surrounded by police (6)  
21 Brother Livingstone gone to pieces (6)

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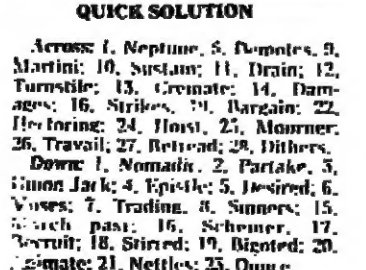
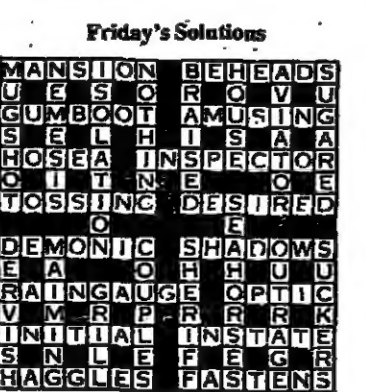
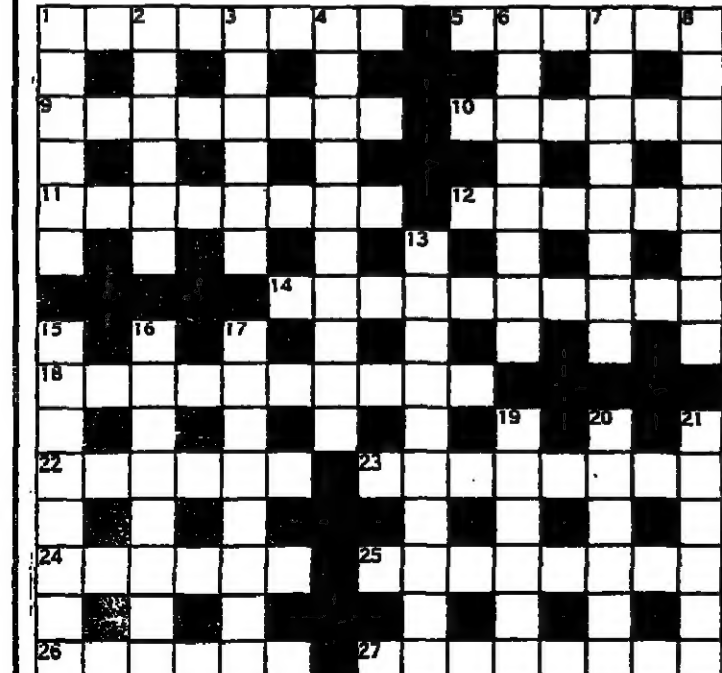
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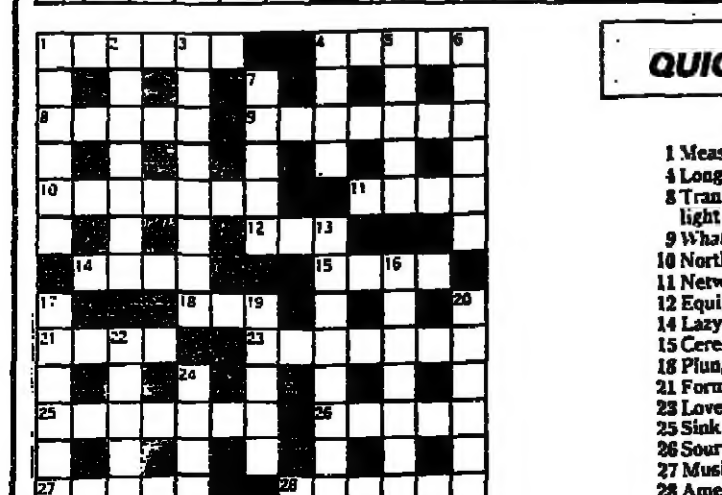
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  - Long lock of hair
  - Transient flash of light
  - Whatever remains
  - North African battle
  - Network
  - Equipment
  - Lazy
  - Ceremony
  - Plunge
  - Formal agreement
  - Love affair
  - Sink back into illness
  - Source of herola
  - Musical keynote
  - American president

- DOWN**
- Red Indian tent
  - North Atlantic country
  - Hindered
  - Nonsense!
  - Northern duck
  - Firm
  - Intoxicated
  - Brass instrument
  - Looking after
  - Ghost
  - Smarten up feathers
  - Mariner
  - Punctuation mark
  - Narrative poem





# Mansdorf and Mecir in rematch at Tokyo

TOKYO (AP). — Amos Mansdorf surprised American Scott Davis yesterday in the men's singles semi-finals of the \$200,000 Gamze World Tennis match to set up a rematch with Davis Cup opponent Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia in today's final.

Mansdorf, ranked 36th in the world, started slowly against Davis, the world's 25th-ranked player, dropping the first set, before coming back strong to win 2-6, 6-3, 6-0. Mansdorf seemed to get stronger as the match wore on, totally dominating Davis in the final set.

Mecir, ranked fifth in the world, beat Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka 6-2, 6-3 in the other semi-final. Mansdorf beat Mecir in their singles match last month in Davis Cup play in Hralec Kralove, Czechoslovakia.

In the women's singles semi-finals here, Zina Garrison of the United States upset top-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

Garrison, the world's seventh ranked player, swept Pan Shriver in today's final. Shriver beat Mandlikova in today's final, 6-4, 6-4 in the semi-finals.

In Rome, fourth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina shocked top-seeded Martina Navratilova 7-6 (7-2), 6-1 yesterday to advance to the final of the \$150,000 Italian Open women's tennis tournament.

The 16-year-old Argentine will face No. 2-seed Stefani Graf of West Germany in today's final. Graf, 17, took less than an hour to dismiss Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-3 in the other semi-final.

It was Navratilova's fourth defeat this year in as many tournaments. In 1986, she lost only three matches. Her loss to Sabatini was her first in their six matches.

Sabatini fought back from a 2-5 deficit in the first set on the strength of her steady ground strokes and accurate passing shots. Navratilova, 30, fell apart in the second set, making numerous unforced errors and serving five of her seven double faults in the match.

Graf, challenging Navratilova's long-held supremacy in the women's rankings, used speed and anticipation to overwhelm the tall Serbian, whose game is better suited to faster surfaces than the clay of Rome's Foro Italico.

Graf said she was very impressed by Sabatini's play and believed the final would be tough. "I have to say Gabriela is playing some of the best tennis I've ever seen her produce," the West German, who has played 26 matches without loss, said.

"I will have to be patient from the beginning, even though that is not really my game," she added.

Quarterfinal results from the \$615,000 Tournament of Champions being played at the West Side tennis club in Forest Hills, New York (rounds in parentheses): Andrei Gorn (14), Ecuador, def. Martin Jaffe (6), Argentina, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Stepanov Zhiglavich (12), Yugoslavia, def. Paul Anandov, U.S., 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; Yannick Noah (2), France, def. Aaron Krichstein (16), U.S., 6-2, 6-2; Boris Becker (1), West Germany, def. Guillermo Vilas (7), Argentina, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

# World class hurdles

By PAUL KOHN  
TEL AVIV. — Three days of athletics events at the Hapoel Games ended last night with a world-class performance by Mihaela Pogaceanu of Romania in the 100 metres hurdles.

In what may have been the best individual performance of the entire Games, Pogaceanu streaked away from her field to win in 12.70 seconds, a new record on an Israeli track. She easily beat the previous best-ever set by Israel's Olympic hurdler Esther Roth, whose best time was 13.28 seconds.

Last night's time was also 29-year-old Pogaceanu's personal best. Her result was also the best time for the 100 metres hurdles in the world so far this year.

Jule Rocheleau of Canada was second and Heike Neugebauer of West Germany third, both women timing 13.38 seconds.

Another record-breaking run was posted last night at Hapoel Yosef by pony-tailed, blond 18-year-old Belgian schoolgirl Marleen Renders, who won the 3,000 metres in 9:10.16 minutes, easily beating the previous Games record of 9:17.57 minutes.

For Renders too this was a personal best, which previously stood at 9:16 minutes. "I am absolutely delighted with my time tonight, which places me among the first three longer distance runners in Belgium. I hope to run in the 10,000 metres, my favourite distance, in the world championship in Rome later this year," she said.

Canada's Jillian Richardson turned the tables on Allen Jackson of the U.S. in the 400 metres. Richardson, a Coca Cola athlete from Atlanta, last time to relax for this race, while the 200 metres which she ran and won two hours after she landed at Ben-Gurion Airport, but that did not help her running.

Richardson timed 51.76 seconds with Jackson timing 51.77 seconds, both times breaking the previous Hapoel Games record time of 53.79 seconds. Richardson also won the 100 metres.

## Weekend results

JUDO: Israel's men won the team competition ahead of Great Britain, Belgium and Spain.

BASKETBALL: CSIT championship for men; Israel - Portugal 113-42 (68-22); Italy-France 95-85 (53-44); Belgium-Switzerland 151-56 (89-21).

TENNIS: CSIT women's singles semi-finals; Hagit Ohayon (Israel) def. Claudia Gregori (Italy) 6-2, 6-1; Anat Varen (Israel) def. Karen Shavit (Israel) 6-4, 6-4.

TABLE TENNIS: Men's team final; West Germany's Marco Tave 2-0 (21-19, 21-19) in the final. The women's title went to Cornelia Ruckelshof (West Germany) who beat Odette Willet (France) 3-0 (25-21, 11-21, 21-17).

FENCING: Israel's Lydia Hovet took the gold medal in the foil event, beating Martine Unterwiesing of France 5-3 in the final. Lilach Peled (Israel) won the bronze.

BASKETBALL: West Germany - Canada 105-88 (51-42).

SHOOTING: Free pistol; the Romanian team won the gold medal adjusting 1,663 points, to establish a new Games record. Great Britain won the silver and Israel the bronze.

In individual competition Constanta Tricof of Romania set another new Hapoel Games record with a total of 567 points.

KARATE: Miki Mizuki of Israel won the men's 60 kg. final. His teammate Eli Benayahu collected the silver and Jacques Maklani won the bronze.

BADMINTON: Simon Rosta (USA) won the gold medal beating Rostov Moser (Israel) 17-16, 15-12 in the final. Silviu Moser took the gold medal by beating Bruno Seruya 12-11, 6-11, 11-7 in an Israel final.



FEET FIRST. — Israel's Segal Gonen lands on her silver-medal winning jump in yesterday's women's long jumping competition at Hapoel Yosef Stadium. (H. Guttmann)

dash on the first day of the track events.

Another athlete to take two winners medals home was Brian Cooper, who last night added the long jump to his 100 metres success. Cooper jumped 8.06 metres with his last jump.

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# Heartbreaks and record breaks

By PAUL KOHN  
TEL AVIV. — Among the scorching runs and hefty throws that toppled previous record like skittles at Hapoel Stadium this week, were also personal disappointments.

One such story was the forced withdrawal of Dalia Navot, currently Israel's no. 1 woman athlete, just when she appeared certain of attaining a personal best-ever score in the heptathlon. The 20-year-old soldier competed on the first night of the Games in the 100 metres hurdles, shot put, 200 metres sprint and high jump. But she pulled a muscle when high jumping, and despite packing the injured thigh with ice packs, was ruled out from further competition by Dr. Eli Issachov.

"I am most disappointed, as I had every chance of breaking the Israeli record," said Navot, from moshav Moledet.

A similar injury befell England's Beverley Nicholson as she was contesting the lead at the halfway mark of the 800 metres when she had to hobble off.

In the absence of Americans Calvin Smith, Sebastian Coe, Harvey Glance and Gabriel Ticoch of the Ivory Coast, who pulled out at the last minute, the class performer who did make it to Hapoel Yosef was Steve Scott of the U.S. In the 1,500 metres Kenya's Edwin Koech, who had already won the 800 metres, set the pace but Scott majestically strode away in the home straight to win from Denmark's Mogens Guldberg in a Games-record time of 3:39.15 minutes and become the first runner ever to break the 3:40 minutes mark on an Israeli track. Scott is rated among the top three milers of all time.

Also breaking a previous best here was 19-year-old Scotsman Thomas Hanlon of Edinburgh, who set up a new mark of 8:30.72 minutes for the 3,000 metres steeplechase. The time was also a personal best for the promising Hanlon, a full nine seconds better than his previous personal record.

Another runner mighty happy with himself was 24-year-old Wallace Spearmon of the U.S., who finished with a powerful kick to overhaul his more fancied countryman Brian Cooper and to win the 200 metres in a Games record time of 201.61 seconds. Cooper had earlier beaten Arkansas University's Spearmon in the 100 metres dash in a race in which Spearmon got off to a slow start. Czechlad Fradzynski of Poland was third in both sprints.

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# Israel tops cycling

TEL AVIV. — Israel's Yehuda Gershoni yesterday won the four-day Galilee International Cycling Race, covering the gruelling 605 km. course in 16 hours, 36 minutes, 02 seconds.

Gershoni's teammate Amos Gary was runner-up in 16:37:48, with Switzerland's Freddy Gasser finishing third a further 25 seconds behind. The event was contested by a total of 30 riders from eight countries — France, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Switzerland and West Germany.

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## A historic junction

IT is easier to break up governments than to erect them. Despite the cacophony of the last several weeks, this premise will hover over the deliberations of the Inner Cabinet this week as it considers what is termed the proposal for an "international conference."

The proposal apparently still has loose ends. But it is also anchored in specific agreements about the nature and composition of such a conference and the direct negotiations, especially between Israel and Jordan, that would be launched. Those agreements, in documentary form, embrace Israel, as represented by Mr. Peres, Jordan and the U.S. They reflect as well, though not as explicitly, a laborious diplomatic effort that has embraced the European Community, the Soviet Union and China.

The choice before the Inner Cabinet will be the demand by Mr. Peres and his Labour colleagues to empower the foreign minister to pursue the diplomacy, as manifest in the documents, designed to put such a conference and negotiation process in place.

Prime Minister Shamir has fought a bitter rear-guard battle against it. Before the rotation of last October, when Mr. Peres as prime minister was already pursuing the diplomatic contacts for this purpose, Mr. Shamir was quiescent. Perhaps he assumed those contacts would be stillborn.

But when Mr. Peres, now as foreign minister, made headway with Jordan and Egypt, and when this progress enlisted the active support of the U.S., Mr. Shamir opened a two-front war against him. At home he impugned Mr. Peres's integrity and sanity, and abroad he warned off other governments from lending support to his foreign minister's diplomacy.

The high point of this campaign arrived when he despatched Moshe Arens to Washington to dissuade U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz from visiting the region as planned last week. Mr. Shultz had intended to come to help finalize the accords that could lead to a conference.

Since Mr. Shultz had in the past been reluctant about the conference idea, his change of view came as a blow to Mr. Shamir. But, not relenting, the prime minister has now sent his chief aide, Yosef Ben-Aharon, on another such mission to Washington to weaken Mr. Peres's Washington flank before the Inner Cabinet meeting.

Yet, Mr. Shamir apparently realizes that the momentum has been carried too far to permit simple spoilsmanship. Thus last week he deployed a third tactic: he called on King Hussein to engage in direct negotiations with Israel, without the superfluous trappings of an international forum.

This appeal reflected the sense in the Likud, that the party could not merely say "No". Somewhere it had to display a "Yes". Mr. Shamir knows well enough that his appeal is an exercise in rhetoric. It is also diplomatically irrelevant in the context of agreements already reached that would lead to direct negotiations with Jordan under the conference "umbrella".

For purposes of domestic appeal, Mr. Shamir's "counter proposal" may make an impression in some places. But even most Israelis who support the prime minister's views will perceive it as a transparent defensive gambit and not as a genuine initiative with diplomatic substance. After all, if genuine, why did Mr. Shamir come forward only now?

Yet despite its defensive nature, Mr. Shamir's gambit implicitly confirms Mr. Peres's persistent contention that the circumstances have now been created for a breakthrough towards a new peace process. This is the issue which the Inner Cabinet must confront.

History will judge the ministers not by their tactics, but by their capacity or incapacity to pierce through the uncertainties to grasp a transient moment of opportunity. Those who failed to grasp a similar such opportunity, when it beckoned with Egypt, have little ground to exact consent for the wisdom they displayed then as a model for the choices to be made now.

## SECORD

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White House by the strength of their arguments," he said, referring to Nir's meetings in January with then National Security Council officials John Poindexter and Oliver North. "This is what happened," he said, citing Israel's "new proposals" and its "new team...working out of the Prime Minister's Office."

Nir replaced two private Israeli arms dealers, Al Schwimmer and Ya'acov Nimrod, and the then director-general of the Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, as the chief Israeli contact with Washington.

Secord, himself operating as a "private" arms dealer, was brought into the Iranian initiative in November 1985 after Israel ran into difficulties in organizing flight arrangements in Portugal to transfer 80 Improved-Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Iran.

Secord insisted that the U.S.-authorized shipments of Hawks and TOW anti-tank missiles were very modest compared to Israeli and European sales. He said that he knew of Israeli arms shipments to Iran in the early 1980s when he served in the Reagan administration as deputy assistant secretary of defence for the Middle East. "That was no secret," he said.

The U.S. "protested" those sales, Secord continued, noting that the transfer of U.S.-made weapons to a

third country required American approval. "We protested," he said.

"There was a pattern of protest," Secord, who was closely questioned on the Israeli role by Republican Senator James McClure of Idaho, was not asked whether Israel was continuing to provide weapons to Iran today.

Israeli officials, led by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, have repeatedly denied that they made any unauthorized shipments of U.S.-made weapons to Iran.

The retired general spent more than 20 hours answering questions during the first four days of hearings last week. Former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane has been called to testify tomorrow. The hearings are scheduled to continue until late July or early August with more than 50 witnesses expected to appear.

For his part, Secord was very bitter about the entire inquiry. He rejected the notion that it was having "a cleansing process" on the U.S. "In my opinion, the whole world is laughing at us," he said. "They don't trust us like they used to."

He said that friendly foreign intelligence services were increasingly becoming reluctant to cooperate with the U.S. in covert actions because of their fear that they will be embarrassed by exposure in Washington.

IN A WORLD in which everything is uncertain, some things are more uncertain than others. Thus, for example, it is still far from clear (at the time of writing) whether there will be a real showdown within the government over the international conference. If there is, it is not clear whether this will lead to elections fought on that issue. And even if there are elections, it is by no means certain that there will be an international conference, even if Labour wins the Israeli election with a mandate to attempt one.

It is not even clear if the international conference is, at least for the present, the same thing as the "peace process", since both the conference and the process mean different things to different people.

What is certain about both the conference and the process is that even if there were absolute agreement in Israel about what we want, the achievement thereof is hardly up to us alone. It takes two to tango, and it takes at least two many - certainly in the Middle East - to make any kind of peace at all. Even the peace treaty with Egypt involved three parties, and that looks like child's play compared with future negotiations.

Conversely, however, it is a fact that elections are no more than eighteen months away, and if the coalition partners find a reason to split up before that - most likely over the international conference/peace process, but maybe over something ridiculously trivial - then elections will be earlier, too.

Will these elections be solely about the issues over which the Israeli electorate and government have only partial control, such as foreign policy in general, relations with the Arab world in particular and the whole complex of issues tied up with the occupied territories/ Eretz Yisrael? Or will they also focus on other concerns, less earth-shattering but arguably no less important?

Put another way, will the debate be solely about "the country-and-its future", on which politicians of all camps can wax rhetorical, or about the people and their well-being, which will demand concrete answers to problems that, in large measure, we can resolve on our own.

Such issues, are numerous, and they are only important because they affect everybody in the country. Among them are such "trivia" as

whether old people are going to get medical treatment, whether people now middle-aged are going to get pensions when they retire, whether young people are going to get, or keep, jobs that can support them, whether teenagers are going to get further education and whether toddlers are going to get any kind of education worthy of the name. These are just some of the boring bread-and-butter issues that the next government is going to have to try and ignore, while keeping its mind focused on the future-of-the-nation.

But we would like to dwell briefly on another tedious item, which the current government has succeeded brilliantly in avoiding. This is that old bore, aliya-and-yerida.

IN ISRAEL'S 40th year - or maybe its forty-first, by the time the elections are held - will anybody be ready to face up to the country's chronic failure to attract Jews who have a choice, into coming to live here?

The statistics provide incontrovertible evidence that the waves of aliya since 1948 have come solely from countries where the Jews were driven out, either by direct expulsion or by the threat or reality of anti-Semitism. Even within those countries, those Jews who had a choice between Israel and a free Western country such as France or the U.S. chose, more often than not, to move to the latter.

Discussion of this problem has usually centred on Russian drop-outs. A far more dramatic, though widely ignored, demonstration has been given by the Jewish community of South Africa in the last two years. While a fair number of them have left South Africa as the internal situation there has deteriorated, their destinations have been diverse: New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Melbourne and other places have figured prominently. Yet Jerusalem, Ra'anana, Kfar Sava and the kibbutzim have not experienced a significant

boost in their South African residents.

There is a school of thought that says that migration from (former French) North Africa, the Soviet Union and now South Africa, and the lack of immigration from the U.S., France, Britain and elsewhere, shows that Jews prefer Diaspora life to their own independent state. If that is so, a lot of people have a lot of rethinking to do, and a lot of ideology can be flushed away.

But even if the majority of Jews will never come, the fact that a tiny minority have tried, and a portion of them have remained, should still provide hope. Furthermore, a somewhat larger minority is, at least open to the idea of aliya. All this indicates that aliya could be increased substantially from its recent negligible levels.

If the more optimistic view is taken, that there is nothing inherent in the preference for the Diaspora over Israel, but that each Jew makes his or her own "cost-benefit analysis" on the basis of individual values and aspirations, then, clearly, it should be possible to persuade many more to come. Thus, in either case, the question becomes how we can do more on a practical level, to encourage aliya.

The same arguments hold true for yerida. Long-term trends in yerida can be cited to support the view that Israel cannot compete, with Western countries, even as far as her own native-born children, are concerned. Or, again, that yerida is an individual decision, the result of differing circumstances and opportunities. Even under the former approach, unless we decide to close down, we would have to conclude that the process can be slowed, perhaps even halted, by what we do. Certainly the second theory suggests that yerida is a problem that can, indeed must, be checked or even reversed. In practice,

anecdotal reporting and the personal experiences of many of us, show that both aliya and yerida are born of free choice, not predetermined by social or ideological theories.

ONE OF the most interesting aspects of the aliya-yerida debate is its apparent lack of direct connection with the supposedly overriding, or existential issues of war and peace, the territories, the Arabs, and so on.

In the decade since Sadat came to Jerusalem, Israel's general security position has markedly improved and the threat of physical annihilation or of endless wars, so pervasive in 1948-67 and again in the post-Yom Kippur War period, has receded far into the background. Yet this last decade has seen aliya shrink to unprecedented lows (try deducting the Ethiopians and see what's left) and yerida climb steadily higher.

There are, of course, many young people who cite the burden of army reserve duty as a factor in their emigration, which usually takes the form of "a year or two abroad". But, the Lebanon War apart, it is difficult to accept that fear of getting killed has driven away most of the disappearing youngsters in the last few years. For the bulk of them, the army was only one factor, albeit an important one, in their general feeling that they had little to look forward to if they made their future here.

Apart from *milum*, the things that weigh on them are the difficulties in obtaining a decent education, a job that provides income, and satisfaction, and a home that can be purchased without saddling themselves or their parents (or both) with unmanageable debts.

These issues of jobs and homes are the very same ones that drive so many new olim out of the country, before they even reach the army and experience the added burden and drudgery of *milum*.

These are the humdrum issues that dominate the lives of the bulk of

the population. Of course they can be linked with - or better still, submerged in - the subjects that our politicians love, namely war and peace and the future-of-the-nation. But the next election, and the next government, cannot turn "simply" on the tired old rhetoric of the imminent danger to the precious future-of-the-nation, from the Right or Left as the case may be.

Some enterprising politician may yet win a lot of votes by standing up and asking "So what?" So what if you do or don't make peace with Jordan, on these principles or those, with or without umbrellas and other mechanisms? With or without the PLO or authentic Palestinians. And Russians. And Chinese. So what?

Will that ensure people between the ages of 40 and 60 today that they will receive pensions when they retire, as they have been led to believe throughout their working lives?

Will that give youngsters the opportunity to find decent jobs in industries that are going to survive in a world economy beset by terrible problems? Will it allow them to find affordable homes that are tolerably well-built?

Will health care and education become the sole preserve of the moneyed classes in the egalitarian society that the Socialist parties spent three decades creating? Will earned income remain subject to punitive taxation and the creation of wealth at home be frowned upon, while speculation is re-arded and wealthy Jews from abroad, even expatriate Israelis, are feted as saviours?

Will Diaspora Jewry, except for a few thousand self-made Zionists in Russia, continue to ignore Israel, while Israeli Jewry continues to drift away?

All of these issues can be addressed, and various solutions proposed in line with different philosophies, whether or not there is an international conference or a peace process. They were there before the rotation and before the last elections, and they will be there after the next ones. They will still be there on the day the conference opens. They will be there if we walk out of the conference, or if we don't go, or if it doesn't convene.

No less than Hussein and Arafat, these issues are the great survivors. They just won't go away and the longer we ignore them the more urgent they become.

## READERS' LETTERS

### AMBASSADOR ROSENNE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, - We in Hadassah were saddened to learn that Meir Rosenne will be leaving his post as Israel's Ambassador to the United States soon. As National President of Hadassah, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him on my own behalf and on behalf of my colleagues on the National Board for his assistance to our organization throughout his tenure in office.

It has been our experience, and I am certain that this experience is shared by other American organizations, that if you needed help or support from the Israel Embassy in Washington, you had only to ask. We believe Ambassador Rosenne is a very special person who is well-suited to his role. He is an extremely intelligent and astute human being, as well as a dedicated and committed diplomat. We truly regret that he is leaving because we will miss his assistance and cooperation.

RUTH W. POPKIN,  
National President,  
Hadassah  
New York.

Sir, - I am writing to express my consternation over the unfair and undeserved treatment of Ambassador Meir Rosenne in the Israeli press. Not only Israel's press, but the government of Israel as well, has treated the ambassador with appalling insensitivity and shabbiness. Given the fact that Jerusalem decided to relate to our Department of State as if it had no embassy in Washington, and given, furthermore, the fact that Israel has two separate and contradictory foreign policies, snide remarks from these sources about Ambassador Rosen-

ne's diplomatic accomplishments come with peculiar ill-grace.

In fact, in these most unusual and difficult of circumstances, Ambassador Rosenne has distinguished himself with extraordinary dignity and grace. He has consistently placed loyalty to Israel above his own person, and never allowed himself to express disappointment or anger over the impossible position his government has put him in. His has been an example of patriotism and professionalism not to be found in great abundance among Israel's politicians today.

Ambassador Rosenne has won the respect even of those who do not fully share all of his political views. He will be missed.

HENRY SIEGMAN,  
Executive Director,  
American Jewish Congress  
New York.

### BIASED REPORTING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, - For years now, French TV, with little concern for objectivity, has given a negative image of the State of Israel.

During a recent broadcast on TF1, journalist Alain Denvers and his team gave proof of their definite prejudice in the way they manipulated information.

MIREILLE BERGER  
Versailles, France.

### INSENSITIVE DECISION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, - On April 23, I took my children to see a two-act play called *Androcles*, a comedy that was performed by students of the Friends Girls' School in Ramallah at the Hakawati Theatre in East Jerusalem.

The theatre was fully packed with school children. At least 300 of them were between the ages of seven and 12.

Everybody was enjoying the play and waiting for the second act to start when the manager of the Hakawati appeared on stage to announce that he had just received orders to empty the hall because the theatre was to be closed by the authorities in

Haifa.

Those who generously provided Iraq with its nuclear reactor and granted Khomeini asylum cannot be expected to change their spots in our generation.

I wished those who gave the orders were at the door to see the children leaving the hall with eyes full of tears of disappointment and fear. My six-year-old son could not understand. I could not ease his bewilderment, as I could not understand myself. But I wonder: What harm would have been caused if the school play had been allowed to continue?

ABLA NASIR  
Jerusalem.

### BABYLON AND JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I was most interested to read of Gad Ya'acobi's article of April 28, "Israel and the Diaspora: What a partnership really means," especially mention of the fact that "several years ago" voices started to be heard demanding that Israel and Western Jewry with its centre in the U.S. be considered as two centres of equal weight, Babylon and Jerusalem.

Actually, a relationship of equal partnership between the Jews of Eretz Yisrael and those of the Diaspora (not just the West) - rather than the relationship of spiritual cen-

tre and periphery as formulated by Ahad Ha'am and accepted by the Zionist movement - was first proposed by the late Simon Rawidowicz in the early 1930's. Rawidowicz's ideology received its final formulation in his two-volume Hebrew work, *Babylon and Jerusalem*, which also includes his exchange of letters with David Ben-Gurion. It is now conveniently summarized in a collection of English essays entitled *Israel: The Ever Dying People*, just published in the fall of 1986 by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

PROF. BENJAMIN RAVID  
Jerusalem.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, - We have formed a group of volunteers to deal with the absorption of recently arrived Russian olim and hopefully those who will arrive in the near future. We are looking for people to adopt a particular family and help them with their absorption.

In addition to more volunteers, we require used clothing (particularly for infants), baby carriages and strollers, blenders, kitchen utensils, bed linen including pillows and blankets, radios, black and white TV sets, toys and games.

Anyone interested may contact us at (03) 254502 - Ruth Katz (preferably between 2-4 p.m.) or (03) 751-0427 - Hedy Rosen.

RUTH KATZ  
HEDY ROSEN  
WOMEN'S 35'S  
Ramat Gan.

### UNIVERSITY FINANCING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, - In Bernard Joseph's report of April 10 on his interview with Hebrew University President Amnon Pazy and Vice Rector Yoram Ben-Porath, a sentence on the Mount Scopus Project could be misunderstood and we should like to set the record straight on this important issue.

Part of the Hebrew University's deficit is due to the major expenditures and financing expenses in the rebuilding of the Mount Scopus campus, which were only partly covered by government support.

BENNY MUSHKIN  
Spokesman,  
The Hebrew University  
of Jerusalem  
Jerusalem.



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## Notice to "Hachshara" Members in Germany From 1933

On January 1, 1987, an amendment to the treaty between Israel and the West German Federal Republic took effect. According to the amendment, under certain conditions, a Jew's "Hachshara" service period in Germany, would be considered an "insurance period" for purposes of eligibility for German social security pensions. (for the aged, invalids, survivors of the deceased).

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